

IC 2-5-29

Chapter 29. Youth Advisory Council

IC 2-5-29-1

"Council"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the youth advisory council established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.69-2008, SEC.1.

IC 2-5-29-1.5

"Fund"

Sec. 1.5. As used in this chapter, "fund" refers to the youth advisory council fund established by section 7.5 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.113-2010, SEC.1.

IC 2-5-29-1.6

"Office"

Sec. 1.6. As used in this chapter, "office" refers to the office of the state superintendent of public instruction.

As added by P.L.113-2010, SEC.2.

IC 2-5-29-2

Youth advisory council established

Sec. 2. The youth advisory council is established to provide to the general assembly information from young people concerning issues that are of importance to youth in Indiana, including:

- (1) education;
- (2) employment;
- (3) strategies to increase youth involvement in state and local government;
- (4) safe environments for youth;
- (5) substance abuse;
- (6) emotional and physical health;
- (7) foster care;
- (8) poverty;
- (9) homelessness; and
- (10) youth access to state and local services.

As added by P.L.69-2008, SEC.1.

IC 2-5-29-3

Appointment of members; terms

Sec. 3. (a) The council consists of the following twenty-two (22) members, who must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and not more than twenty (20) years of age at the time of appointment:

- (1) Five (5) members appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.
- (2) Five (5) members appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- (3) Five (5) members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(4) Five (5) members appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.

(5) Two (2) members appointed by the governor.

(b) The members of the council shall be selected so as to give representation to the various geographical areas of Indiana.

(c) The members of the council shall annually elect a chairperson of the council from among the members.

(d) Members of the council shall serve for a two (2) year term and may be reappointed.

(e) The appointing authority may remove an appointed member of the council for cause. Cause includes the failure to attend at least two (2) meetings within a one (1) year period.

As added by P.L. 69-2008, SEC.1. Amended by P.L. 113-2010, SEC.3.

IC 2-5-29-3.6

Attendance at meeting; excused absence from school

Sec. 3.6. (a) This section applies to a student who attends either a public school or a nonpublic school.

(b) Attending a meeting of the council as a member is a lawful excuse for a student to be absent from school, when verified by a certificate of the state superintendent of public instruction. A student excused from school attendance under this section may not be recorded as being absent on any date for which the excuse is operative and may not be penalized by the school in any manner.

As added by P.L. 113-2010, SEC.4.

IC 2-5-29-4

Council duties

Sec. 4. The council has the following duties:

(1) To advise the general assembly concerning proposed and pending legislation, including budget expenditures and policy matters related to youth.

(2) To advise the standing committees and study committees of the general assembly concerning issues related to youth.

(3) To conduct periodic seminars for members of the council concerning leadership, government, and the general assembly.

(4) To report to the general assembly, not later than December 1 of each year, concerning the council's activities, including any proposed legislation to implement recommendations of the council. The report must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

As added by P.L. 69-2008, SEC.1.

IC 2-5-29-5

Meetings; voting

Sec. 5. (a) The council shall meet at least three (3) times, and not more than six (6) times, per year.

(b) Meetings held under this section must include not more than two (2) public hearings per year concerning issues of importance to youth.

(c) The affirmative votes of a majority of the members appointed to the council are required for the council to take action on any measure, including annual reports.

As added by P.L.69-2008, SEC.1.

IC 2-5-29-6

Supervision and staff

Sec. 6. (a) The Indiana bar foundation's center for civic education shall supervise the activities of the council.

(b) The Indiana bar foundation's center for civic education shall staff the council.

As added by P.L.69-2008, SEC.1. Amended by P.L.113-2010, SEC.5.

IC 2-5-29-7

Expenses; per diem

Sec. 7. (a) The expenses of the council shall be paid from the budget of the department of education.

(b) Each member of the council is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.69-2008, SEC.1.

IC 2-5-29-7.5

Youth advisory council fund

Sec. 7.5. (a) The youth advisory council fund is established as a dedicated fund to be administered by the office. The fund consists of:

(1) appropriations made to the fund by the general assembly; and

(2) grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the fund.

(b) Expenses of administering the fund shall be paid from money in the fund.

(c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the fund.

(d) Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

(e) Money in the fund is available, with the approval of the budget agency, to augment and supplement the funds appropriated to the department of education to implement this chapter.

As added by P.L.113-2010, SEC.6.

IC 2-5-29-8

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.113-2010, SEC.170.)